



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Barath, et. al. )  
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Examiner: Gary Jackson )  
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For: Method and Coupling Apparatus for )  
Facilitating a Vascular Anastomoses )  
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Attorney Docket Number: 70762.01 )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Box Amendment  
Washington, D.C.

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action postmarked November 3, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire early on February 3, 2004, having a statutory expiration on May 3, 2004, please amend the above captioned patent application as follows:

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